

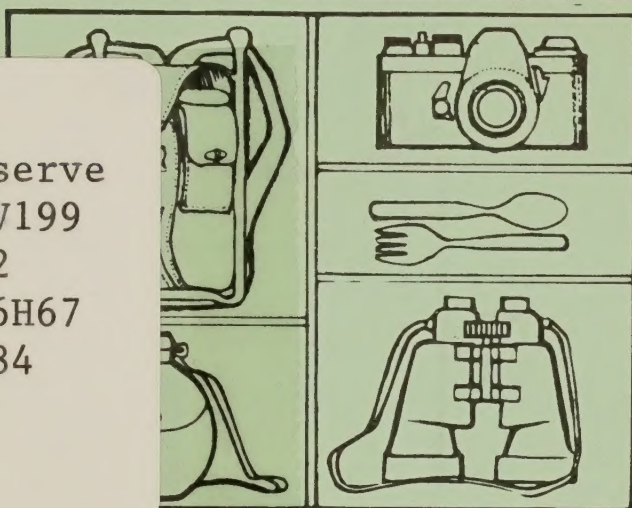
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GUIDE TO THE
Long Cane Trail

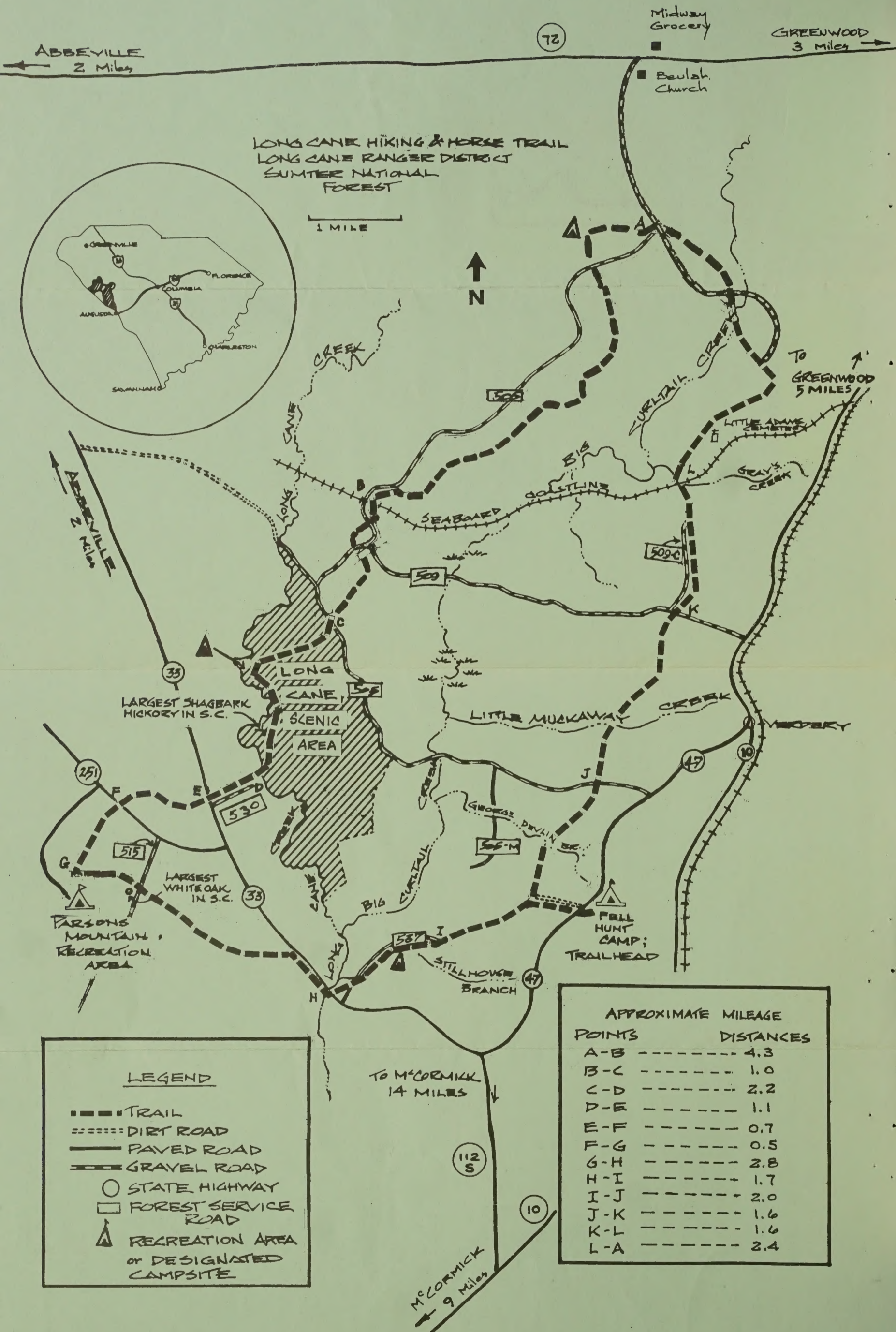
**Sumter
National Forest**

South Carolina



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INTRODUCTION

The Long Cane Trail is a 22 mile loop trail on the Sumter National Forest in the Piedmont of South Carolina. It is located on the Long Cane Ranger District, less than 10 miles southwest of Greenwood.

Signs and white paint blazes on trees mark the trail that winds across streams and along pine ridges. The trail is available for public use year round without charge. Horseback riders and hikers pass numerous points of interest including old cemeteries, the original Charleston Road, abandoned farmsteads, and old plantation homes. The trail passes through the beautiful Long Cane Scenic Area.

RELATED FACILITIES

Many visitors begin their trip at the Fell Hunt Camp which serves as a parking and camping area. This area has toilets, water, trash receptacles, room for parking vehicles, places to tie horses, and is available without charge.

Developed camping, picnicking, and swimming facilities are available at Parsons Mountain Recreation Area. Individual units have tables, fire rings, and water. Restrooms and trash recepticals are near by. These sites are available on a first-come-first-serve basis, and a fee is charged for camping.

Several designated campsites providing no facilities are available along the trail.

These areas are marked on the map and on-the-ground with small signs.

Overnight camping at sites other than these, requires written permission from the District Ranger.

Campfires are permitted and users are urged to be careful.

GROUP USE

Large horseback riding groups are requested to inform the District Ranger of the group size and duration of stay to ensure that facilities are adequate.

Organized trail rides require the issuance of a special-use permit and approval of the route by the District Ranger.

SAFETY

Avoid trouble by carrying a first-aid kit, snake bite kit, compass, and map while riding. Riders are urged to travel together in case of an accident.

Hunting is a popular pastime on the Forest mainly during the fall and trail use is not recommended during the first few weeks of the season when the largest number of hunters is present. During the remainder of the hunting season high visibility clothing is recommended. Hunting is not permitted on Sundays.

Water in streams along the trail is not safe for humans to drink. Water systems at developed campgrounds are tested monthly. Plan your water needs before starting or bring

chemicals to purify it before drinking.

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With everyone working together, the forest can accommodate more people than if the privilege is abused.

Some tips to follow:

1. Pack it in -- Pack it out. Carry out your trash and someone else's to a refuse container.
2. Realize that others have just as much right to the forest as you have.
3. Park vehicles so that they won't block gates, roads, or parking spaces.
4. There are numerous tracts of private land within the Sumter National Forest. Visitors should avoid traveling on these unless permission is obtained from owner.
5. This trail is closed to all off-road vehicles.
6. Tie horses so they won't damage tress or vegetation away from the camping area.

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